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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an indictment¹ charging Domingo Vargas, with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, on or about August 15, 2009, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The indictment charges that the defendant possessed a Norinco, sawed-off rifle, with a Banana clip, after being convicted of a felony.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Domingo Vargas	Philadelphia, PA	32

If convicted, defendant Vargas faces a 10-year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of 3 years supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and the Philadelphia Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Virgil B. Walker.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

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